Centre's Aid to States implementing Vat

4076. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have decided to provide more Central funds to meet States', revenue loss due to the launch of the Value Added Tax regime from April 1, 2003;

(b) if so, total States which have implemented the VAT;

(c) whether Central Government have provided for only Rs. 700 crore in the union Budget for meeting shortfalls in revenue receipts as a result of transition of VAT;

(d) if so, whether Central Government are committed to providing hundred per cent support to States for revenue shortfalls; and

(e) if so, to what extent the provisions has been increased for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) Keeping in view the request of the States, the Government of India has agreed to compensate the revenue loss, if any, upon introduction of value added tax (VAT) by the States at the rate of 100 per cent in the first year, 75 per cent in the second year and 50 per cent in the third year.

(b) The Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers has informed that the State of Haryana has introduced VAT with effect from 1-4-2003.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Government of India has agreed to provide hundred per cent compensation to States for revenue loss, if any, in 2003-04, *i.e.*, the first year of introduction of VAT in lieu of existing sales tax.

(e) Additional requirement of funds will be met through supplementary grants, if the need arises.

Grant/Assistance to NGOs by Japanese Government

4077. SHRI ARJUN SINGH :

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Japanese Government extended grant/assistance to five more Non-Governmental Organisations under its grant/assistance for grassroots projects scheme;

(b) if so, what are the total grants so far provided;

(c) what are the projects that will be covered under this grant;

(d) what are the NGOs that have been receiving this grant;

(e) whether any agreement in this regard have been signed between the NGOs and the Japanese Ambassador; and

(f) if so, whether all the earlier projects which were stopped by the Japanese Government have been allowed to provide grant to them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND RAO VITHOBA ADSUL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total grants approved by Government of Japan for these 5 NGOs is US $ 2,64,139.

(c) and (d) A detailed statement containing names of the five-NGOs, their projects and the amounts sanctioned is enclosed. (*See* below).

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects scheme was never discontinued by the Government of Japan.

Statement

Names of five NGOs, their projects and grant amounts sanctioned by Government of Japan on February 13, 2003

Sl. No.	Name of the NGO	Project	Amount (US $)
1.	Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital, Delhi	Up-gradation of Facilities in the Department of Vitreoretina Services at Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hopital	75,949
2.	Lok Sewa Samiti, Nagaur	Hand Pump in Nagaur District	78,484
3.	The North Eastern Boys' Scout & Girls Guide Association, Imphal East	Establishment of a primary school	30,093
4.	OISCA International North India, Delhi	Children's Forest Programme	2,922
5.	State Resource Centre, Bhartiya Grameen Mahila Sangh, Indore	Establishment of the Literacy Resource Centre for Girls and Women	76,691